



May 6, 2008

Office of the Governor
Sarah Palin, Governor
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Dear Governor Palin,

The purpose of my letter is to express strong support for Copper Valley Electric projects included on page 38 of the capital budget (SB221). I am a resident of Glennallen and the CEO of Cross Road Medical Center. Your support for the CVEA project will give much relief to the patients of Cross Road Medical Center and the health center.

The four projects total \$5 million and will be used as follows:

- *\$2 million to match a federal grant already in hand to upgrade the Glennallen plant
- *\$1 million to permit a new hydro project to get us off fossil fuel
- *\$500,000 to upgrade the Valdez substation
- *1.5 million to reimburse the co-op for money spent years ago evaluating a transmission line connection to the Railbelt Grid which did not pan out

Too much of Cross Road Medical Center's limited resources will be used to pay for these projects if these funds are not approved. The money in the capital budget will be put to good use. I urge you to approve funding for these projects so the burdensome high rates we already pay will not continue to increase.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "André Hines", written over a white background.

André Hines
Chief Executive Officer